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[on the report of the Second Committee (A/46/734)]

46/170. Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/1 of 7 October 1987, 43/24 of 15 November 1988, 44/10 of 23 October 1989 and 45/15 of 20 November 1990,

Recalling in particular its resolutions 42/204 of 11 December 1987, 42/231 of 12 May 1988, 43/210 of 20 December 1988, 44/182 of 19 December 1989 and 45/231 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling the importance of the efforts made by the Secretary-General with respect to the situation in Central America and the continuous involvement of the United Nations in economic cooperation in the region,

Particularly interested in continuing to address the emergency situation in Central America, and alarmed at the gravity of the economic and social crisis that continues to affect the region,

Recognizing the work being done by the United Nations Development Programme in discharging the responsibilities entrusted to it for the coordination of the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, 1/

1/ A/42/949, annex.

Recognizing that the Republic of Panama has participated continuously in all of the intraregional coordination and decision-making mechanisms of the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America and that the Central American Presidents, in the Declaration of San Salvador of 17 July 1991, 2/ welcomed the decision by the Government of Panama to participate fully and actively in the process of integration in Central America,

Reaffirming its conviction that peace, development and democracy are inseparable,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, 3/ describing the status of implementation of the Special Plan;

2. Decides to approve the inclusion of the Republic of Panama as a full and formal participant in the Special Plan;

3. Welcomes decision 91/3 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on 22 February 1991, 4/ and Council decision 91/54 of 20 September 1991, 5/ earmarking 20 million United States dollars from Special Programme Resources for the Special Plan during the fifth programming cycle;

4. Again urges all States, intergovernmental organizations, international financial institutions, the organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and regional and subregional organs and institutions to continue participating actively in and to take steps for the implementation of activities in support of the goals and objectives of the Special Plan, bearing in mind the difficult socio-economic situation facing the Central American countries, and to support projects presented by those countries under the mechanisms of the Special Plan;

5. Stresses the urgent need for the international community to increase its technical assistance to the Central American countries and to provide them with adequate additional financial resources on soft and favourable terms, with a view to effectively promoting the development and economic growth of the region;

6. Welcomes the Joint Political Declaration and the Joint Economic Communiqué issued by the Ministerial Conference on Political Dialogue and Economic Cooperation between the member States of the European Community and the Central American countries, including Panama, and the member States of the Group of Cooperating Countries (Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela), held at Managua on 18 and 19 March 1991, in which they reaffirmed their commitment to continue to participate in the revitalization and economic and social development of the region;

2/ A/45/1039-S/22828, annex.

3/ A/46/458.

4/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 13 (E/1991/34), annex I.

5/ E/1991/L.27/Add.1

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report on the progress made in the implementation of the Special Plan;

8. Decides to examine and evaluate its implementation of the Special Plan at its forty-eighth session.

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